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1. [redacted] small-scale landing exercises were carried out by the Russians on the beaches between Timmendorf and Kaltenhof on Poel Island, Mecklenburg. The exercises were conducted in the following fashion: Three or four naval vessels, similar in appearance to German minesweepers, approached the beaches, each towing a pontoon with an outboard motor. Short of the beaches the pontoons were cut loose and continued towards the beaches under their own power. The soldiers on board the pontoons then disembarked and were engaged by other troops defending the beaches. Approximately 1,000 troops participated in each such exercise.

2. [redacted] similar small-scale landing exercises were executed by Russian troops on the beaches between the Wustrow peninsula and Meschendorf. During these exercises biplanes were observed carrying out mock attacks on the ground forces.*

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